alongwith the efforts of the State Government would help in developing a stock of improved and efficient milch herd.

Dangers of hydrogenated cooking oil

1165. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2161 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th August, 1990 and state what are the reasons for which Government are encouraging hydrogenated oil production in the country by giving excise duty concessions to the industry in spite of the fact that its use is harmful to human health?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): Unstarred Question No. 2161 was replied by the then Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare on 27th August, 1990 in Rajya Sabha regarding Monitoring of the saturated fat content of the cooking oil'. Hydrogenated oil i.e. vanaspati is not harmful to human health as it contains only 30 per cent saturated acid content while the pure buffalo ghee has around 65 per cent saturated fatty acids. During hydrogenation of oils, mostly *trans*-acids are formed and not merely saturated fat.

Government is giving fiscal incentives through excise rebate to encourage the production of non-conventional oils which are not accepted directly by the consumer. The idea is to produce greater edible oils from non-conventional sources to become self-sufficient and reduce/avoid imports.

Proposal to widen the bridge near Railway Junction in Tiruchchirappalli, Tamil Nadu

1166. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to widen the bridge near the Railway Jun... Tiruchchirappalli, Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government ... Nadu have taken up the traffic ... over this bridge with Central Gov... and

(c) the steps taken to avoid ... congestion near this Railw... bridge?

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(b) Yes, Sir. The State Gover... proposed widening of the exis... bridge at the sourthern end ... chirappalli Junction.

(c) The Railway is investigat... bility of the proposed widen... with the State Government. H... traffic congestion on the R... bridge is likely to ease after ... work of widening of the R... Bridge on the northern si... Tiruchchirappalli Yard is compl...

Electrification of railway routes between Delhi and Madras

1167. SHRI S. MADHAV... the Minister of RAILWAYS be ... state:

(a) what are the steps take... ment to expedite the electrifica... railway route between Ne... Madras;

(b) by when it would be co...

(c) what is the amount ... purpose?

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(b) New Delhi to Itarsi ... o Nagpur are already electrifi... p section from Nagpur to Itar... ed to be completed by March, ...

(c) Rs. 683.09 crores ar... to be spent on the projects ... his route.